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Prof. HON Joseph LEE Kok-long, SBS, JP, PhD, RN Chairman, Bills Committee

Pharmacy and Poisons (Amendment) Bill 2014

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Dear Prof. LEE.

Pharmacy and Poisons Amendment Bill 2014

The Federation of Medical Societies of Hong Kong (FMSHK) was established in 1965. The FMSHK is a non-profit making organization and is the umbrella organization of 134 medical, dental, nursing and allied health professional societies of Hong Kong representing more than 50,000 individual professionals. We endeavor to provide leadership and mechanism whereby the activities of her member societies can be co-ordinated to promote professional interests, achieve fraternity and to advance our common ideals.

The major consideration of the Federation when examining the Pharmacy & Poisons Bill Amendments put forward by the Food and Health Bureau, in response to the recommendations made by the Review Committee on the Regulation of Pharmaceutical Products in Hong Kong, is whether the amendments could safeguard the health of patients and safety in medication use.

In principle, we are in favour of the direction of the Bill amendment with two remarks.

1. With regards to the written orders of pharmaceutical products proposed in the code of practice for drug wholesalers, we support documentary evidence during procurement of pharmaceutical products to ensure accurate drugs and their precise strengths be delivered to the right place. However, to effectively implement this initiative, workable procedures which are patient-friendly, convenient and time-saving for all parties concerned should be defined.



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2. We are also of the view that the "Authorized Person" of drug manufacturers must have the appropriate training and experience to oversee the drug manufacturing process. While this person may or may not be a registered pharmacist, to ensure the quality of the drug manufactured, a registered pharmacist should still be involved.'

Thank you very much for your kind consideration. If additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your sincerely,



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